IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE

WRIT PETITION NO.486 OF 2005

Ramji Govind Jadhav, since deceased through
his legal heir Parvati Govind Jadhav
& Ors. : Petitioners
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WITH

WRIT PETITION NO.487 OF 2005

Ramji Govind Jadhav, since deceased through
his legal heir Parvati Ramji Jadhav : Petitioners
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.488 OF 2005

Ramji Govind Jadhav, since deceased through
his legal heir Parvati Govind Jadhav & Ors. : Petitioners
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.338 OF 2005

Gangaram Laxman Jadhav : Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.339 OF 2005

Tulsiram Laxman Jadhav : Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.380 OF 2005

Namdev Govind Jadhav : Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.381 OF 2005

Aba Vithu Utekar : Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.384 OF 2005

Sakharam Manu Pawar : Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.385 OF 2005

Dondu Laxman Jadhav : Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.388 OF 2005

Dondu Bala Jadhav : Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents
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WRIT PETITION NO.389 OF 2005

Dondiba Devji Kadam & Ors. : Petitioners
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents

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AND

WRIT PETITION NO.416 OF 2005

Kondiba Laxman Jadhav : Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Ors. : Respondents

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Mr.R. D. Soni instructed by M/s.Ram & Co., for the petitioners.

Mr.P. I. Khemani, Assistant Government Pleader for the respondents.

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CORAM : DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J. &
S.A. BOBDE, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 7, 2005.

P.C.:

1. All these Petitions are being disposed of by this common order.

2. Rule. Mr.Khemani, learned Assistant Government Pleader, appears and waives service of Rule on behalf of the respondents. By consent, Rule is made returnable forthwith and

taken up for hearing.

3. By these Petitions, the petitioners are seeking a very limited relief whereby the petitioners' applications, which are pending before the second respondent – Collector, Raigad – under section 28-A of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (“the Act”, for short), may be decided expeditiously. It appears that pertaining to the same notification, which covers the lands involved in these petitions, on 6th December, 2000, the Reference Court has granted enhanced compensation. Based on the same, applications were filed under section 28-A of the Act in February, 2001, which are within the prescribed period of ninety days.

4. In the aforesaid facts and circumstances, we direct respondent No.2 – Collector, Raigad – to decide the said applications for enhancement of compensation under section 28-A of the Act as expeditiously as possible, preferably within three months from the date of receipt of this order. While doing so, the second respondent shall take into account the decision of the

Supreme Court in the case of Union of India & Ors. v. Mangata Ram, reported in AIR 1997 SC 2704, which is annexed as Exhibit `B' to the petitions.

5. No further directions are necessary. Rule is made absolute in the above terms. The Writ Petitions are, accordingly, disposed of.

Sd/-

CHIEF JUSTICE

Sd/-

S.A. BOBDE, J.